

CIRRHOSIS DEATH RATE

Objective

By 1990, the cirrhosis mortality rate should be reduced to 12 per 100,000 per year.

Explanatory Notes

Includes ICD code 571 of both the Eighth and Ninth revisions.

Findings

The state's cirrhosis mortality rate has consistently been below the nation's and has remained below 12.0 since 1981. The rate is projected to continue to decline to about 9.4 in 1990. The U.S. rate has remained below 12.0 since 1982. These trends accompany a reduction in per capita consumption of alcohol; many experts estimate that alcohol abuse is associated with 90-95 percent of cirrhosis deaths (3).

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics